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it all, away from everybody but my own people, and I suppose other nurses feel the same.

No doubt the increasing number of schools is another reason for the shortage, which means not so much a shortage as greater demand. As for the three year course, that is an advantage that most women who are sincere in becoming nurses should be glad of. I was the first nurse to register for the three years' course in Germantown Hospital, Philadelphia, but it did not strike me as being a hardship; my one idea was to become a good nurse. I think it would be a pity to enforce the one year high school requirement of the New York Education Department, as there are women like myself who are unable to have it, and it would be the only reason for their not being admitted to the training schools. My own case was either music or school and having a hope of making music my life work, I gave up school when in the grammar grade. Afterwards my health failed, as I studied music too closely, and was compelled to give it up. To earn my living was necessary, so I turned to nursing, which I have made a success, if one can judge by time being well filled with good cases. No doubt plenty others can tell similar tales, but do not misunderstand, I do not mean that higher education is not a great advantage, I only hope good women will not be barred out because lacking it.

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#### WHERE ARE NURSES NEEDED?

DEAR EDITOR: The JOURNAL is so instructive and inspiring that after reading a copy a nurse has a deeper conviction that it is good to belong to a profession whose sphere of usefulness is so broad and so absolutely necessary, but I agree with the writer of "A Nurse's Point of View" in the April issue that a woman finds herself in an unfortunate position who has right equipment and not opportunity to demonstrate it. When long waits between cases compel the spending of every dollar for actual living expenses one earnestly seeks a reason for non-success, and not finding it in herself concludes it lies in an over-supply of nursing service in that locality; hence her fortune could be mended by going where there are fewer nurses and a greater demand.

Barring the south, has the JOURNAL knowledge of any part of the country not adequately supplied with trained nurses? Such information would be valuable to me and I should be very grateful for it.

C. H. J.